

An Investment That Outlasts You

"Funny Money" Part 2 of 3
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I) WHY INVESTING IN GOD OUTLASTS YOU

1) It provides an eternally SECURE INVESTMENT FOR YOU.

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
(Matthew 6:19-21, NIV)

2) It opens up eternal life RETURNS FOR OTHER PEOPLE.

"I tell you, use your earthly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings." (Luke 16:9, NIV)

3) It will demonstrate YOUR ETERNAL LOVE FOR GOD.

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own? No one can serve two masters... you cannot serve both God and Money."
(Luke 16:10-13, NIV)

II) THE TWO BASIC WAYS TO INVEST IN GOD

1) TITHING: Giving MY FIRST 10% TO GOD.

Is this still biblical today?

Before the Law was instituted [Abraham]:

"Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High and he blessed Abram, saying, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. And blessed be God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand.' Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything."
(Genesis 14:18-20, NIV)

During the Law as it was instituted [Moses]:

"A tithe of everything from the land... belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord... the entire tithe of the herd and flock... will be holy to the Lord."
(Leviticus 27:30 & 32, NIV)

After the Law was instituted [Jesus]:

"...hypocrites! You give a tenth... But you have neglected the more important matters of the law... You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former."
(Matthew 23:23, NIV)

Jesus in Matthew 5:21-48 illustrates how NT grace "raises the bar" of OT law.

"The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always put God first in your life."
(Deuteronomy 14:23, LB)

2) OFFERINGS: Giving ABOVE AND BEYOND TO GOD.

"'Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me.' But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' In tithes and offerings."
(Malachi 3:8, NIV)

"Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into His courts."
(Psalm 96:8, NIV)

"But remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth..."
(Deuteronomy 8:18a, NIV)

III) THE GREATEST RETURN ON INVESTMENT

"Peter said to him, 'We have left everything to follow you!' 'I tell you the truth,' Jesus replied, 'no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age (homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields— and with them, persecutions) and in the age to come, eternal life.'"
(Mark 10:28-30, NIV)

***You can't OUTGIVE GOD!**